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In re Application of :  
Minoru Akita et al :  
Application No. 09/899,219 : ON PETITION  
Filed: July 6, 2001 :  
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This is a decision on the petition, filed July 18, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3).

The application is hereby withdrawn from issue, and the abandonment is hereby recognized.

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